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GOVERNMENT

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1. IN INITIAL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC REACTION IN URUGUAY TO THE NEW CAMPORA ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN ONE OF DEEP CONCERN THAT EVENTS IN ARGENTINA WILL HAVE PRESENTLY UNFORSEEN CONSEQUENCES FOR THIS COUNTRY. ALTHOUGH ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION, THE LOCAL PRESS WELCOMED THE PROSPECT OF ARGENTINA' S RETURN TO " CONSTITUTIONALITY", THE RIOTOUS EVENTS OF CAMPORA' S INAUGURATION LAST WEEKEND AND THE SUBSEQUENT FREEING OF ARGENTINE TERRORISTS CREATE FEARS HERE THAT LOCAL TERRORIST GROUPS, VIRTUALLY INACTIVE IN RECENT MONTHS, WILL BE ENCOURAGED AND EVEN SUPPORTED BY THE ARGENTINE RADICAL LEFT TO RENEW ACTIVITIES. EXCEPT ON THE URUGUAYAN POLITICAL LEFT, WHICH HAS TRUMPETED RECENT EVENTS IN ARGENTINA AS A " GREAT VICTORY FOR THE PEOPLE", MOST OBSERVERS HERE ARE GENERALLY GLOOMY ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR INTERNAL STABILITY IN URUGUAY' S GIANT AND INFLUENTIAL NEIGHBOR. THIS PESSIMISM LEADS MANY OF THEM TO CONCLUDE THAT INTERVENTION BY THE ARGENTINE MILITARY AND A SUBSEQUENT BLOODY CLASH BETWEEN RIGHT AND

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LEFT MAY BE INEVITABLE.

2. COMMENT: WHATEVER THE GOU' S DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN
THE BEST POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH THE GOA, WE BELIEVE
THAT THE URUGUAYAN LEFT WILL BE ENCOURAGED AND EMBOLDENED

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